

Reflection Questions mid Q3

#1 do you feel you are improving in Arabic? Why/ why not? How/ how not?

Vocabulary

In quarter 3 we have approached vocabulary slightly differently. Please write a reflection on vocabulary. Include comments about:

1. Practice @ home and in class
 - How are you practicing?
 - What practice works best for you?
 - What practice does not work?
2. Quantity- do you think we are doing too much new vocabulary?
3. Knowledge
 - do you feel like you are learning new vocabulary?
 - Do you feel like you are re-using old vocabulary?
4. Activation
 - Do you have enough opportunities to use new vocabulary?
 - Suggest ways we can use our vocabulary more.
5. Definitions in Arabic, sentences using the vocabulary (we have done this less in Q3)

Class participation/ activities

In Q3 we have done different kinds of activities in class. Please reflect on the changes in:

1. Vocab practice in class
2. Discussion
3. Summarizing
4. Developing your own opinions

Writing

In Q3 we have done some focus on writing. Please offer your reactions to the following activities

1. speed writing activity (olympics)
2. Prompt in class (timed-activity)
3. Chances to re-write (homework assignment)
4. Organizing writing using the graphic organizer
5. Studying conjunctions and linking words

Reading aloud

1. What are you doing to improve your reading?
2. Would you like to continue practice on reading aloud? Why/ Why not?

Listening comprehension

1. When you practice, do you listen to the speakers without reading the text? Why/ Why not?
2. When do you feel like you are improving your listening? When do you feel you are not improving?
3. What kinds of activities are most helpful to you in terms of listening?

Tangent conversations

1. 2 weeks ago we had 2 long conversations (about grade-inflation and violence in schools)
Do you think these conversations were worthwhile or were they a waste of time?
What ideas are you still thinking about?